

ATTENTION!

PROVIDERS OF LEGAL SERVICES TO VICTIMS OF FAMILY VIOLENCE

Funding for FY 2011

Funds to be distributed: \$1,686,883.00*
Application Deadline: May 10, 2010

During the Second Session of the 2009-2010 term, it is anticipated that the Georgia General Assembly will appropriate \$1,724,829.00 to the Judicial Council of Georgia for a grant to provide civil legal services to victims of family violence. The Judicial Council has adopted general guidelines to govern the granting of these funds. It has also delegated to its Judicial Council Committee on Domestic Violence the duty of accepting and evaluating grant applications and awarding the grant.

The Judicial Council Domestic Violence Committee plans to award these funds starting July 1, 2010. Seventy-five percent of the grant money will be awarded pursuant to the poverty population guidelines, which is based on the most current estimates from the U.S. Census, and twenty-five percent of the grant money will be awarded to special needs areas. Grant proposals will be considered from non-profit providers of legal services to victims of family violence in Georgia. Providers may apply for funds from both categories.

The full description of the grant program and the formula to calculate the poverty population grant amount are attached and we urge you to read them before applying. Applications should include the following:

Cover page: The cover page for your application should include the title of the program, the name and address of the agency submitting the application, the name and address of the program contact person, and the amount requested.

Introduction: A description of the agency and the establishment of eligibility for applying for and carrying out the grant.

Program Narrative: The applicant must describe exactly how the program will implement and address specific program requirements, e.g. partnerships, providing legal assistance to the targeted areas, etc. The program narrative (including the introduction and evaluation) should be no more than 8 double-spaced pages with one-inch margins. Pages should be numbered. The type-size must be at least 12 point.

Evaluation: The application should describe exactly how it will monitor and measure the activity and effectiveness of the program and how it will report results. No grants will be made unless the Committee has approved the evaluation process.

*Specific amount contingent on the Georgia Legislature's funding for Fiscal Year 2011 and the Judicial Council Budget Committee recommendations.

Budget: The application should include a budget narrative. The budget should list the amount requested, the category (i.e., personnel, supplies), how the budget will be managed, any in-kind contributions to the program, and define direct and indirect costs. The budget narrative should explain each line item of the budget. If applicant previously received a grant from the Committee, any outstanding balance should be indicated.

Letters of Support: The applicant must submit letters of support and cooperation with the application. These letters may be from local programs, which provide services for victims of domestic violence to battered women, children, and the elderly. Letters from judges and members of the General Assembly are also helpful.

Non-profit Status: Applicants must attach a copy of the IRS letter indicating non-profit status. Also, applicants must enclose a statement indicating that they are registered and in good standing with the State of Georgia.

Applications should be sent to: The Administrative Office of the Courts of Georgia, Cynthia H. Clanton, General Counsel, 244 Washington Street, SW, Suite 300, Atlanta, GA 30334-5900. Please mail the original application, attachments, and two copies. **Emailed applications will also be accepted this year.** Please email the application and attachments as a PDF document to cynthia.clanton@gaaoc.us Faxed applications will not be considered.

Deadline: Applications and attachments must be received or postmarked no later than **Monday, May 10, 2010**. Award announcements will be made on or about July 1, 2010. Award funds will be disbursed as soon as possible thereafter.

Please note: As grant funds are appropriated from the State of Georgia, award amounts may be subject to change, without prior notice, based on state budget cuts.

If you have questions, please call or email Cynthia Clanton at 404-656-6692 or Cynthia.clanton@gaaoc.us. Thanks and good luck!

Attachments

**DESCRIPTION OF GRANT PROGRAM
OFFICIAL COMPILATION OF THE RULES AND REGULATIONS
OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE**

I. Name of Grant Program: Legal Assistance to Families Victimized by Domestic Violence Project (Short name: Legal Assistance Project).

II. Legal Authority: O.C.G.A. §15-5-24 and Supreme Court of Georgia Order of January 15, 1981 relating to the duties of the Administrative Office of the Courts.

III. Definition: This is a statewide project designed to provide civil legal services to all persons, adults, and children, victimized by or under the direct threat of domestic violence.

IV. Scope: Domestic violence is endemic throughout the nation and in Georgia. Up to 49,946 instances occurred in 2002. Domestic Violence shelters refer more than 10,000 victims of domestic violence to legal service agencies each year. Other legal resources are inadequate to meet the serious needs of these families. This project provides a framework under which Georgia's non-profit legal services programs can serve approximately 4,000 victims of domestic violence per year.

V. Purpose: The purpose of this program is to provide legal assistance to persons victimized or threatened by domestic violence with related legal programs. Such legal assistance helps with immediate needs through protective orders or orders for custody and child support, and also includes legal assistance with such issues as access to credit and bank accounts, housing, public benefits, employment and other consumer and financial problems that must be resolved to achieve safety, stability and economic security.

A. Eligible Services

This project focuses on providing services in three major areas of need by:

1. Providing legal services related to domestic violence, child custody and family support;
2. Providing legal services related to the family's economic security and stability, including housing issues, job related problems, problems with access to education, and health care;
3. Providing training for volunteer attorneys and other professionals on legal issues faced by victims of domestic violence.

B. Excluded Services

Certain services are specifically excluded from this program. Excluded services are:

1. Class action suits;
2. Criminal defense;
3. Deportation proceedings;
4. Divorce proceedings;
5. Initial Temporary Protective Orders;
6. Juvenile delinquency;
7. Matters to be adjudicated in courts outside of Georgia; or
8. Other client-initiated proceedings not related to the safety, stability, or economic security of the victim or the victim's family.

C. Eligible Clients

Victims or persons under the threat of domestic violence who have no reasonable access to resources that may be used for legal services are eligible. Evidence of violence or the threat of violence shall be reasonably demonstrated, but may also be shown by the following:

1. A protective order issued by a court of competent jurisdiction;
2. A referral from domestic violence programs and programs for children and the elderly; or,
3. A warrant or police report indicating an incident involving domestic violence.

D. Eligible Grantees

1. Eligible grantees for these funds are non-profit corporations registered and in good standing with the State of Georgia with at least two years experience providing civil legal services in the State.
2. Recipients must also demonstrate that they have the personnel and the expertise necessary to deliver the services required, that their service delivery structure can adequately provide coverage throughout the geographical area for which the services are proposed, and that they have sufficient administrative

record keeping capabilities to fulfill reporting requirements necessary for the evaluation of these projects.

3. Community partnerships are critical to achieving success with this program. The applicants must show community support and the support and cooperation of local domestic violence programs. Letters of support or other evidence establishing this relationship should accompany applications.

VI. General Terms and Conditions: Grants will be awarded for a one-year term. Each of Georgia's forty-nine circuits will be included. The amount available for distribution to grantees may change each year based on the amount appropriated to the Administrative Office of the Courts/Judicial Council and the cost of the administrative oversight of these funds. The grant awards are generally announced in July.

VII. Criteria for the Award of Grants: The total poverty population resident in each county served by the grant recipient will be considered. This number is based on the most current estimates from the U. S. Census Bureau. In no event shall Grantee provide free legal services to a client whose income exceeds 200% of the federal poverty guidelines.

VIII. Directions and Deadlines for Application: Applications for grant funds must be mailed to the Administrative Office of the Courts, Cynthia Hinrichs Clanton, General Counsel, 244 Washington Street, Suite 300, Atlanta, Georgia 30334. The application deadline is in May of the year that funds are appropriated.

Comments may be submitted to the Administrative Office of the Courts, attention Cynthia Hinrichs Clanton at 404-656-6692 or cynthia.clanton@gaoc.us.

LEGAL SERVICES TO VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE GRANT

FORMULA TO CALCULATE POVERTY POPULATION GRANT AMOUNT

Total poverty population in county(ies) served by grant applicant ÷
Total persons in poverty in Georgia (see poverty population chart) = % of persons in poverty in the county(ies).

Allocated grant amount × % of persons in poverty in the county(ies) = Amount allowed under grant formula

Example: Domestic Violence Shelter serves Glynn and McIntosh counties

Glynn county poverty population = 12,767

McIntosh county poverty population = 2,123

Total poverty population in county(ies) served by grant applicant: 14,890

$14,890 \div 1,388,959$ (total persons in poverty in GA) = .0107202

$.0107202 \times \$1,265,162$ (75% of available grant amount) = \$13,563 (rounded)

Note: 75% of the available grant funds may be used for poverty population grant applications. The amount is **\$ 1,265,162.00** (the remaining \$421,721.00 is for special needs applications) See the grant notice for more information or contact Cynthia Clanton at Cynthia.clanton@gaaoc.us or 404-656-6692.

GEORGIA POVERTY POPULATION BY COUNTY

APPLING	3,586	EVANS	2,736	NEWTON	11,344
ATKINSON	2,001	FANNIN	3,410	OCONEE	2,215
BACON	1,933	FAYETTE	4,981	OGLETHORPE	1,998
BAKER	985	FLOYD	16,862	PAULDING	10,100
BALDWIN	8,885	FORSYTH	8,415	PEACH	5,164
BANKS	2,550	FRANKLIN	3,963	PICKENS	3,732
BARROW	7,856	FULTON	146,956	PIERCE	3,157
BARTOW	11,790	GILMER	4,826	PIKE	1,821
BEN HILL	3,985	GLASCOCK	469	POLK	6,722
BERRIEN	3,679	GLYNN	12,767	PULASKI	1,728
BIBB	32,923	GORDON	6,771	PUTNAM	3,203
BLECKLEY	2,165	GRADY	5,557	QUITMAN	623
BRANTLEY	2,699	GREENE	2,913	RABUN	2,928
BROOKS	3,541	GWINNETT	75,096	RANDOLPH	1,859
BRYAN	3,152	HABERSHAM	5,489	RICHMOND	45,383
BULLOCH	14,601	HALL	25,805	ROCKDALE	10,534
BURKE	6,318	HANCOCK	2,472	SCHLEY	752
BUTTS	3,440	HARALSON	5,474	SCREVEN	3,209
CALHOUN	1,561	HARRIS	2,538	SEMINOLE	2,066
CAMDEN	5,771	HART	3,917	SPALDING	11,167
CANDLER	2,400	HEARD	1,891	STEPHENS	4,372
CARROLL	17,426	HENRY	15,418	STEWART	1,190
CATOOSA	7,112	HOUSTON	14,773	SUMTER	8,757
CHARLTON	1,986	IRWIN	2,071	TALBOT	1,432
CHATHAM	40,699	JACKSON	7,312	TALIAFERRO	488
CHATTAHOOCHEE	1,713	JASPER	2,116	TATTNALL	4,853
CHATTAOOGA	4,470	JEFF DAVIS	2,550	TAYLOR	2,169
CHEROKEE	13,912	JEFFERSON	3,667	TELFAIR	3,248
CLARKE	32,560	JENKINS	2,280	TERRELL	2,852
CLAY	984	JOHNSON	2,181	THOMAS	9,171
CLAYTON	39,619	JONES	3,288	TIFT	8,605
CLINCH	1,668	LAMAR	2,512	TOOMBS	6,697
COBB	62,563	LANIER	1,710	TOWNS	1,468
COFFEE	8,116	LAURENS	9,721	TREUTLEN	1,905
COLQUITT	10,011	LEE	3,331	TROUP	11,013
COLUMBIA	7,287	LIBERTY	8,531	TURNER	2,592
COOK	3,411	LINCOLN	1,476	TWIGGS	2,126
COWETA	11,675	LONG	2,624	UNION	2,887
CRAWFORD	2,193	LOWNDES	18,956	UPSON	5,014
CRISP	5,987	LUMPKIN	3,830	WALKER	9,623
DADE	2,201	MACON	3,284	WALTON	10,524
DAWSON	2,320	MADISON	4,545	WARE	6,909
DECATUR	6,980	MARION	1,651	WARREN	1,478
DEKALB	113,247	MCDUFFIE	3,836	WASHINGTON	4,560
DODGE	4,111	MCINTOSH	2,123	WAYNE	5,480
DOOLY	2,725	MERIWETHER	4,174	WEBSTER	421
DOUGHTERY	23,375	MILLER	1,543	WHEELER	1,799
DOUGLAS	12,544	MITCHELL	5,979	WHITE	3,526
EARLY	2,979	MONROE	3,328	WHITFIELD	13,076
ECHOLS	1,076	MONTGOMERY	1,839	WILCOX	2,091
EFFINGHAM	5,204	MORGAN	2,460	WILKES	2,204
ELBERT	3,762	MURRAY	5,472	WILKINSON	1,908
EMANUEL	5,767	MUSCOGEE	32,952	WORTH	4,467
				Total	1,388,959